



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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After much deliberation, the Congress has finally passed their FY 2006 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill. This bill, H.R. 3010, has been a source of contention in both Chambers due to low levels of funding for, among other issues, education and rural health. The House passed H.R. 3010 with a narrow vote of 215 to 213, while it passed the Senate under unanimous consent. It is expected that the President will sign H.R. 3010 into law with no objections.

**Perkins Funding:** As expected, the conference committee report sets funding for the Basic State Grant and Tech Prep will remain at FY05 levels, while funding for Tech Prep Demo and Section 118 has been eliminated. Additionally, National Programs received a \$2.5 million funding decrease. (See chart below)

**BUDGET CUT TO DISCRETIONARY PROGRAMS:** In addition to passing H.R. 3010, the Congress also passed the Defense Department appropriations bill which includes a 1% cut to all federal discretionary spending programs – including Perkins. This bill, H.R. 2863, calls for a reduction in discretionary spending for education programs of more than \$560 million, and is expected to be signed into law by the President without objection.

PROGRAM	FY05 Appropriations	FY06 Appropriations	FY06 Appropriations with 1% cut
Perkins Basic State Grants	\$ 1,194,331,296	\$1,194,331,296	\$ 1,182,387,983
Tech Prep	\$ 105,811,680	\$105,811,680	\$ 104,753,563
Tech Prep Demo	\$ 4,899,488	\$ 0	\$ 0
National Programs	\$ 11,757,184	\$ 9,257,000	\$ 9,164,430
Occupational & Empl. Info ('118)	\$ 9,306,944	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total	\$1,326,105,592	\$1,301,068,676	\$ 1,296,305,976

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